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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Honourable Peter M. Liba, C.M.
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Government House
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Your Honour:

This report covers the activities of the former Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development, as it was constituted in 1998, for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. It includes a look at the origin, duties and powers of the Manitoba Round Table, and highlights progress on strategies and activities undertaken.

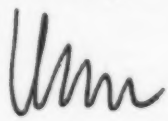
We look forward to building on this work with the newly constituted Manitoba Round Table. For example, we look forward to putting into practice policies developed in the areas of water, forests, parks and protected areas, and waste management, to name but a few priorities put forward by the previous Round Table.

Our acceptance of the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation (COSDI) Report and addition of Climate Change as a priority area for sustainable development will also provide more tools with which to build on the past work of the Round Table.

Our government has announced, based on the COSDI Report, a new strategy that is being reviewed by the new Manitoba Round Table. We look forward to moving from policy development under the previous Round Table to policy implementation under our newly constituted Round Table. This shift from policy development to implementation will be reflected in next year's annual report as we work together to make sustainable living a reality for all Manitobans.

I am pleased to present your Honour with the 1999-2000 Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. I hope you will find this report interesting and informative.

Yours truly,



Oscar Lathlin
Chair

## INTRODUCTION

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRTSD) was established in law upon proclamation of *The Sustainable Development Act* on July 1, 1998. This document is the 1999-2000 Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development as required by Section 4 of the Act.

## ORIGINS OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

In 1986, the World Commission on Environment and Development focused global attention on sustainable development. The commission defined sustainable development as social, economic and political progress that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Following the commission's report, a National Task Force on Environment and Economy was established in Canada to promote environmentally sound economic development. The National Task Force Report (1987) made 40 recommendations that encouraged industry and government to integrate environmental and economic decision-making. One of the most important recommendations was to establish provincial and territorial round tables that would bring organizations together for this purpose.

In keeping with this recommendation, the Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy (MRTEE) was founded in 1988, with the premier as chairperson. The Premier chaired the MRTEE throughout its existence from 1988, to 1997. The MRTEE served as a forum to develop strategies, policies, and guidelines for sustainable development. The creation of the MRTEE was the first step in building a community-wide understanding of sustainable development and making it the cornerstone of all economic and environmental activity in the province.

In 1998, the MRTEE was changed to the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development and established in law under *The Sustainable Development Act*.

## MANITOBA ROUND TABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Furthering Manitoba's progress in achieving economic prosperity and enhancing human health, the environment and social well-being is the focus of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development.

The Round Table brings together citizens representing Manitoba's social, geographic, economic and environmental fabric. Members of the Manitoba Round Table act as stewards of *The Sustainable Development Act.* The founding of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development marks the start of the second decade of Round Table activity in Manitoba.

## DUTIES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The duties of the Manitoba Round Table include:

- creating awareness and understanding of sustainable development by the citizens of Manitoba;
- cooperating with public sector organizations, private industry, non-government organizations and citizens to share knowledge and experience;
- reviewing the principles and guidelines of sustainable development;
- advising on the development of, and reviewing the Sustainable Development Strategy;
- advising on the development of component strategies;
- advising on the development and review of sustainability indicators; and
- any other task or activity related to sustainable development, at the request of the minister.

## POWERS OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The Manitoba Round Table may:

- establish and direct subcommittees to undertake various tasks;
- make its own rules of procedure, including procedures of subcommittees;
- identify, promote and encourage projects and activities which exemplify sustainable development practices;

- initiate, sponsor and support seminars, workshops and conferences related to sustainable development;
- publish reports and other materials; and
- do all things necessary for the effective carrying out of its duties under *The Sustainable Development Act.*

**MEMBERS – 1999/2000**

Hon. Glen Cummings – Minister of Natural Resources, Chair (April to October, 1999)
Mr. Bob Barton - Past President, Manitoba Wildlife Federation
Mr. George B. Campbell – President, Campbell Management & Advisory Services
Ms Christine Common-Singh - Political Studies Department, University of Winnipeg
Hon. Leonard Derkach - Minister of Rural Development (April to October, 1999)
Mr. Jack Dubois - Curator of Mammalogy & Ornithology, Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature
Mr. Bill Elliott - President & CEO, Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education
Hon. Harry J. Enns - Minister of Agriculture (April to October, 1999)
Chief Ron Evans - Norway House Cree Nation
Dr. J.C. Gilson - Faculty of Agriculture, University of Manitoba
Mr. David Hatch - President, Green Spaces Environmental Consulting
Professor Thomas Henley - Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba
Ms Jenny Hillard - Vice President, Issues & Policies, Consumers' Association of Canada
Mr. Logan Kruger - President, Mining Association of Manitoba
Ms Bev Leadbeater - Rock Lake Community Round Table
Ms Jillian Maguet - Chair, Manitoba Youth Round Table
Ms Sandy Margetts – Faculty of Education, Brandon University
Hon. James McCrae - Minister of Education and Training (April to October, 1999)
Chief John McDonald - O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
Hon. Linda McIntosh - Minister of Environment (April to October, 1999)
Hon. David Newman, Q.C., Minister of Energy and Mines (April to October, 1999)
Ms Maxine Plesiuk - Reeve, RM of Ethelbert

Ms Maureen Prendiville - President, Prendiville Industries Ltd.

Mr. Alan Ransom – Past President, Keystone Agricultural Producers

Mrs. Mary Richard - President Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg

Hon. Mervin C. Tweed - Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism (April to October, 1999)

Mr. Lawrence Weenusk – Director of Education, Oxford House First Nation Board of Education

Mr. James Zonneveld - Vice President, XPotential Products

## MANITOBA YOUTH ROUND TABLE

The Manitoba Youth Round Table was established in 1996, under the direction of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. The mission of the Youth Round Table is to integrate today's youth and a fresh new perspective in a process designed to ensure that all future generations have clean, safe and healthy air, land and water in which to live, work and play.

The Youth Round Table gives young people the opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns and ideas on the use, development and protection of our environment. It educates young Manitobans in all areas concerning sustainable development and encourages their participation in educational events such as Earth Day and the Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium.

The Youth Round Table Chair is a member of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development, while many members of the Youth Round Table sit on various subcommittees of the Manitoba Round Table. Having Youth Round Table members on these committees ensures the views of Manitoba's youth are present in all deliberations of the Round Table.

**Members of the Manitoba Youth Round Table 1999-2000:**

Robert Campbell

Sara Goulet

Lani Innes

Dorie Kell

Jillian Maguet, *Chair*

Amanda Skrumeda

Jonathan Syms

Christina Waddle

James Zonneveld, *MRTSD, Advisor to MYRT*

Support was provided to the Manitoba Youth Round Table in their province-wide poster contest and distribution of their communications pamphlet and Queenston School Grade 5 and 6 Class' "*Sustainable Development in the Boreal Forest"* CD-ROM to all Manitoba K to Senior 4 schools.

## MANITOBA ROUND TABLE STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES 1999/2000

### Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba (Core Strategy – 1994)

*The Sustainable Development Act* came into force on July 1, 1998, and requires the province to adopt a Provincial Sustainable Development Strategy by July 1, 2000.

A consultation process was undertaken requesting comments and suggestions from various organizations respecting revision of the *Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba.* A survey on the Sustainable Development Strategy was developed and mailed to 372 organizations including, but not limited to, community round tables; business, industrial, Aboriginal, environmental, social, health, resource and local government organizations; and all provincial government departments. Further to this, a presentation on "Sustainable Development Strategy Review" was given by the Manitoba Round Table on April 30, 1999, at the Community Round Table workshop at Rural Forum in Brandon. Manitoba Youth Round Table members and

support staff operated a display booth at Rural Forum and distributed sustainable development materials including approximately 75 copies of the survey and 1994 Sustainable Development Strategy. The strategy and survey were added to the Sustainability Manitoba Web site. Forty-four returned surveys were received and comments therein were compiled with options identified for consideration by the Manitoba Round Table.

**Component Strategies**

The *Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba* identifies a number of component strategies, which set out strategic plans for achieving sustainability in different sectors. Below is an update on these strategies for 1999/2000.

**Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy**

The Manitoba Round Table undertook the development of a market incentives and fiscal policy strategy a number of years ago. Policy and regulatory measures to achieve alternative means to traditional command and control compliance based on regulation were considered. An internal departmental review of the draft Market Incentives and Fiscal Policy Strategy Workbook resulting from this work was completed in fall 1999. The draft has now been fully developed and is awaiting final review.

**Education Strategy**

A concept paper for an education strategy was prepared by the Manitoba Round Table in 1997 and underwent focus group and public discussion in the fall of 1998. A report on the public discussions and recommendations for developing an education strategy is pending review by the Manitoba Round Table.

**Fish and Wildlife Strategies**

Public consultations on proposed fish and wildlife policies for the protection, sustainable use and harvest of fish and wildlife were held from April to June 1999. Mr. Jack Dubois and Mr. David Hatch chaired the Manitoba Round Table Wildlife and Fish Panels established to conduct the public consultations. Fifty-three presentations and submissions and 347 completed questionnaires were the results of consultations at 44 workshops with 869 Manitobans and a meeting with Natural Resource Co-management Boards. The *What You Told Us... Fish Strategy* and *What You Told Us... Wildlife Strategy* were printed and distributed in the spring and summer 2000.

**Urban Aboriginal Strategy**

On July 7, 1999, Manitoba announced a policy entitled "Applying Manitoba's Sustainable Development Policies for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg". This policy is based on the Manitoba Round Table consultations and subsequent report *Priorities for Action – Towards a Strategy for Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg* released in 1998.

Also on July 7, 1999, a Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and Manitoba on Cooperation and Coordination of an Urban Aboriginal Strategy was signed and the federal government announced a policy entitled "Federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy for Winnipeg 1999-2002". The Federal Strategy resulted from discussions between Aboriginal people in Winnipeg and Canada and will, over the period of 1999-2002, address the needs and priorities of the Aboriginal community of Winnipeg.

**Sustainability Indicators Initiative**

The development of Provincial Sustainability Indicators is mandated by *The Sustainable Development Act*. Under the direction of the Manitoba Round Table, a Sustainability Indicators Working Group developed a workbook on proposed sustainability indicators. The workbook was released in May of 2000 and was the main discussion document for

public workshops on sustainability indicators held during June, 2000. Other components of the public consultation process were an interactive Web site and a call for written submissions. The Manitoba Round Table will review the results of the public participation process and recommend a set of sustainability indicators to government by July 1, 2001. The final indicator set agreed to by government will form the basis for ongoing sustainability reporting in Manitoba.

**Procurement Guidelines**

As a provision of *The Sustainable Development Act,* the establishment of provincial sustainable development procurement guidelines within two years of proclamation is required. An initial meeting with Procurement Services was held in late fall of 1999, to discuss developing procurement guidelines as they relate to the implementation of the act and develop a plan and timelines for preparing simple and effective procurement guidelines. Draft procurement guidelines will be reviewed by the Manitoba Round Table prior to adoption of the guidelines by government.

**Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program**

The Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program was established in 1991 to recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development. The Awards place priority on projects and ideas that best translate the principles and guidelines of sustainable development into concrete and lasting achievements. The awards are open to all Manitobans and nominations are accepted in various categories. An independent evaluation committee evaluates all nominations and presents recommendations to the MRTSD whose members select the recipients. Awards are presented at an annual awards dinner hosted by the premier and Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development. The Manitoba Round Table did not conduct an awards program in 1999/2000.

**Sustainable Development Scholarship Program**

The Sustainable Development Scholarship Program was established in 1996. This annual scholarship is awarded to a post-secondary student in Manitoba pursuing studies and undertaking research that embraces the spirit and principles of sustainable development. It is open to students in any field of study offered at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution. A single non-renewable scholarship of $5,000 is awarded to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees and other education expenses. The scholarship is announced annually at the Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Banquet. The Manitoba Round Table did not award a Sustainable Development Scholarship in 1999/2000.

## PUBLICATIONS

Listed below are publications on sustainable development activities of the MRTSD and the province of Manitoba. They can be obtained from the Manitoba Conservation and Environment Library, Suite 160, 123 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1A5.

**Core Strategy**

*Towards a Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitobans 1991*
*What You Told Us... Principles & Guidelines 1993*
*What You Told Us... Component Strategies 1994*
*Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba 1994*
*What is Sustainable Development? (Brochure) 1994*
Sustainable Development for Teachers (Video) 1996
Sustainable Development in Manitoba (Video) 1996

**Land and Water Strategy**

*Workbook on Soils 1989*
*Workbook on Water 1989*
*What You Told Us... Soil and Water 1989*
*Applying Manitoba's Water Policies 1994*

*Objectives of Manitoba's Water Strategy (Brochure 1994)*

*Workbook on Forests 1990*

*What You Told Us... Forest 1991*

*Applying Manitoba's Forest Policies 1994*

*Objectives of Manitoba's Forest Strategy (Brochure) 1994*

*Workbook on Minerals 1991*

*Minerals: Public Presentations & Submissions 1992 (publication no longer available)*

*What You Told Us... Minerals 1993*

*Applying Manitoba Minerals Policies 1994*

*Objectives of Manitoba's Mineral Strategy (Brochure) 1994*

*Workbook on Natural Lands and Special Places 1992*

*What You Told Us... Natural Lands and Special Places Park Lands Act Review 1993*

*What You Told Us... Natural Lands and Special Places Park Lands Act Review 1993 (Executive Summary)*

*What You Told U's... Natural Lands and Special Places: Policy Areas 1-5 1994 (Executive Summary)*

*Natural Lands and Special Places: Public Presentations and Submissions Volume I, II and III 1992*

*An Action Plan for a Network of Special Places for Manitoba 1994*

*Applying Manitoba's Natural Lands and Special Places Policies 1995*

*Workbook on Fish – 1999*

*What You Told Us... Fish Strategy - 2000*

*Workbook on Wildlife - 1999*

*What You Told Us... Wildlife Strategy - 2000*

**Energy Strategy**

*Workbook on Energy 1990*

*What You Told Us... Energy 1994*

**Public Sector Strategy**

*Public Sector. A Process for Change 1990*

*Towards Institutional Change in the Manitoba Public Sector 1992*

*A Discussion Paper for a Sustainable Development Act 1994*

*What You Told Us... Sustainable Development Act 1995*

*White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act 1996*

*White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act. Public Presentations, Submissions and Booklet results. Volume I, II and III 1997*

*Recommendations for the White Paper on the Sustainable Development Act 1997*

**Demonstration Projects Strategy**

*Demonstration Projects 1990*

*Sustainable Development Awards of Excellence Program: Call for Nominations (Brochure)*

Award of Excellence (Video)

**Code of Practice Strategy**

*Code of Practice Strategy 1991*

*Sample Codes of Practice 1991*

*Sustainable Development Code of Practice 1994 (Brochure outlining the goals of a code of practice and why business should adopt a code)*

*Activities Related to Sustainable Development 1992 & 1996*

**Capital Region Strategy**

*Workbook on the Capital Region Strategy 1995*

*Workbook on the Capital Region Strategy (French) 1995*

*What You Told Us...Capital Region 1996*

*Applying Manitoba's Capital Region Policies 1996*

*Applying Manitoba's Capital Region Policies (French) 1996*

Discussion Document – 1998

**Urban Aboriginal Strategy**

*Workbook on the Urban Aboriginal Strategy 1997*

*Discussion Paper on an Urban Aboriginal Strategy 1997*

*What You Told Us...Urban Aboriginal Strategy (Draft) 1997*

*Priorities for Action...Towards a Strategy for Urban Aboriginal People Living in Winnipeg...Includes What You Told Us - A summary of Grassroots Workshops: Participants Recommendations and Action Plan 1998*

**Waste Minimization and Management Strategy**

*Workbook on Solid Waste Minimization and Management 1995*

*What You Told Us... Solid Waste Minimization and Management - 1998*

**Provincial Sustainability Indicators Initiative**

*Workbook on Provincial Sustainability Indicators – 2000*

**Other Publications and Reports**

*Development in Harmony with our Environment (Brochure)*

*Sustainable Development for a New World Agenda 1990*

*Meeting the Recommendations of the National Task Force Report on Environment and Eco-Progress 1991*

*Meeting the Challenge Summary Report MRTEE 1992*

*Report from the MB Round Table 1994*

*Sustainability Update Newsletter Fall 1997*

*Sustainability Update Newsletter (French Fall 1997)*

*Sustainability Update – Newsletter – Winter1998/99*

*Manitoba Round Table on Environment and Economy Final Report – 1999*

**Publication order forms may be obtained from:**

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## SECRETARIAT (1999-2000)

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